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The Honorable Michael Mauro
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
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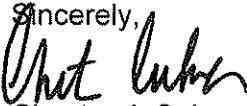
Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit House File 2526, an Act relating to and making appropriations for health and human services and including other related provisions and appropriations, and providing effective, retroactive, and applicability date provisions. House File 2526 is approved on this date, with the exceptions noted below, which I hereby disapprove.

I am unable to approve the item designated as Section 72 of the bill in its entirety. This provision deals with food establishment inspections and contracting with a municipal corporation to fulfill the department's regulatory and inspection statutory responsibilities. I disapprove this language because it takes away the department's discretion to maximize staff and resources, and to enter into contracts based upon efficient government, which is especially important during these difficult economic times.

I am unable to approve the item designated as Section 80 of the bill in its entirety. This provision permits unexpended decategorization funding to carry forward for two succeeding fiscal years beyond the current fiscal year. Given the difficult economic times, the additional time to expend these funds is not prudent and should not be allowed. Other than capital expenditures, a two-year carry forward is not commonly allowed in Iowa law. Furthermore, this does not conform to reasonable government accounting practices.

For the above reasons, I hereby respectfully disapprove the designated items in accordance with Article III, Section 16 of the Constitution of the State of Iowa. All other items in House File 2526 are hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

Chester J. Culver
Governor

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

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